

## COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Lee County Courthouse is located on a 4.5 acre block on Lee Avenue, near Sanford's geographic center. The original building contains approximately 7,000 square feet of floor space divided between two floors; a recent addition enlarged the building by 5,000 square feet. A one-acre parking lot adjacent to the Courthouse has space for 100 cars.

The Courthouse provides space for proceedings of the courts, meetings of the Board of County Commissioners, meetings of other boards, and for the administrative activities of County government. The Courthouse houses the following offices and employees: Sheriff (6); Clerk of Court (4); Register of Deeds (3); County Accountant (2); Tax Supervisor (2); Tax Collector (2); Veterans' Service (2); Social Security (1); and Janitor (1).

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners reports that the staff of some of the above offices will be expanded in one or two years. More help is needed in the Accountant's Office and the Tax Supervisor's Office; the Sheriff needs more deputies; and a building superintendent is needed.

The Chairman feels that, although more personnel will be added to the Courthouse staff, the space provided by the present building, with some internal reallocation, will be adequate for the foreseeable future. If building expansion is required, there is room for it on the Courthouse grounds.

## STEELE STREET ANNEX

The County owns a two-story building on Steele Street, across from the Methodist Church is downtown Sanford. The building provides office space for the various public agencies serving the farmers of Lee County, including: County Farm Agent; County Home Demonstration Agent; U.S. Soil Conservation Service; U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; and Farmer's Home Administration. The County provides space for the Federal agencies in order that County farmers can receive their services. Twenty persons are employed in the agencies housed in the Annex.

The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners reports that, although physical structure of the Annex is satisfactory, the activities carried on in the building are in need of several hundred more square feet of floor space and off-street parking for up to 100 cars is needed.